

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION  
REPORT

TOPIC Dessau Airfield.

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EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                      50X1-HUM

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1. At 4 p.m. on 25 September 1951,                      four swept-back jet fighters of the alert flight at Dessau airfield                     . Another swept-back jet fighter                      was parked on the eastern edge of the field. Three biplanes and 1 single-engine low-wing monoplane were also observed in front of a revetment on the eastern edge of the field.

No firing was practiced. Tank truck                      and motor vehicle                      were observed in Dessau.

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2. At 10:35 a.m. on 27 September                      alert planes                      50X1-HUM  
                     A radio truck with a whip antenna was parked next to the planes. About 20 swept-back jet fighters                      50X1-HUM  
                     were observed on the eastern edge of the field. A plane                      was parked in the southeastern corner of the installation.

The total number of jet fighters had increased by ten planes, including one                      which was parked on the eastern edge of the field. A two-seater swept-back jet fighter                      was observed in the southeastern corner of the installation.

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3. At 5:25 p.m. on 28 September,                      four planes of the alert flight                      50X1-HUM  
                     A radio truck with a whip antenna was next to the planes. Forty other swept-back jet fighters were observed in front of the hangars. (3)

4.                       
                     Thirteen swept-back jet fighters with a prefix zero took off from the field.                      About 20 additional swept-back jet fighters                      were being made ready for take-off in front of the hangars. At 12:46 p.m., no alert flight was observed at the field. Thirteen swept-back jet fighters were parked in the northeastern corner of the installation. Boxes, aircraft parts, ammunition boxes, bedsteads, and motor vehicles                      were loaded on a freight train of flatcars and boxcars at the spur track of the field.

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5. At 5:25 p.m. on 2 October, no jet fighters were observed in the entire field area. (h) A new freight train of boxcars and flatcars was observed at the spur track. It was loaded with boxes, bedsteads, and dependents. Trucks [redacted] were seen on the approach road to the airfield. 50X1-HUM

6. At 5:25 p.m. on 5 October, 40 to 50 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, apparently ground attack aircraft, were parked on the southern edge of the field. [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 (5) A very high antenna mast which was braced on three sides was observed for the first time between the aircraft. Ammunition boxes were being unloaded from a freight train on the spur track. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Comments. 50X1-HUM

(1) [redacted]  
 (2) [redacted]

(3) The airfield was previously occupied by a fighter regiment. The number of aircraft reported is the largest so far observed with the fighter regiment. This observation indicates that the regiment has been equipped with the authorized number of MiG-15s.

(4) The observations made on 2 and 5 October 1951 indicate that the fighter regiment was transferred on 1 or 2 October. Its present location is not known.

(5) [redacted] the airfield has been occupied by a ground attack regiment. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the regiment was possibly previously stationed in Staaken. This assumption is supported by the observation that Staaken airfield was evacuated by the ground attack regiment which was previously stationed there on 5 October 1951.

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